

Vaccine Updates

HPV Vaccine is Now Available to all VFC Eligible Girls

We are pleased to announce that the VDH vaccine supply can now be given to VFC eligible girls 11–18 years of age starting on June 1, 2007. The FDA licensed Gardasil® on June 7, 2006. The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommends the routine vaccination of girls aged 11–12 and to catch up girls through age 26. The Vermont Department of Health's initial funding supply was not adequate to meet all of the recommended age groups. VFC eligibility is defined as a person aged 0–18 years enrolled in Medicaid, uninsured, Alaskan native or Native American. VDH supplied vaccine can only be used for VFC eligible girls through age 18. After that age office supply or prescriptions must be used to complete the series.

Meningococcal Vaccine (MCV4) is Now Available for More Age Groups

Starting June 1, 2007 the VDH supply of MCV4 can be used to vaccinate VFC eligible 11, 12 and 15 year olds and previously unvaccinated college freshman living in dormitories. Meningococcal vaccine is recommended at age 11-12 years old and to previously unvaccinated 15 year olds. It is recommended that college freshmen living in dorms are vaccinated with MCV4 due to the higher risk for meningococcal disease. State supplied vaccine can be used for any college freshman living in a dorm, regardless of age or VFC eligibility status. Vermonters 11-18 years of age who do not meet VFC eligibility (Medicaid eligible, uninsured, Alaskan native or Native American) or are not a college freshman living in a dorm will have to be covered with either office purchased vaccine or prescriptions.

Tdap to Preteens

Tdap administration is recommended at age 11-12 for those who have completed the recommended DTaP vaccination series and have not received a Td booster dose. The booster of pertussis vaccine is intended to decrease the prevalence of pertussis disease in the community. **Adolescents aged 13-18 who missed the 11-12 year Tdap/Td booster dose should also receive a single dose of Tdap.** We anticipate changes in the school immunization requirements in the 2008/2009 school year which will include a requirement for Tdap vaccination prior to 7th grade entry.

Varicella and MMRV Vaccine Delays

Provider practices are experiencing a delay in receiving orders of varicella and MMRV vaccine. **Current lag time for MMRV orders is three weeks and for varicella vaccine it is two weeks.**

Orders are placed by the Vermont Department of Health weekly and Merck & Co., Inc. ships vaccine to the provider practice directly on dry ice. As practices implement the ACIP's recommendation to give children two doses of varicella vaccine, needs are increasing. Your practice may need to adjust the frequency and quantity of orders of varicella vaccine and MMRV vaccine. Before the end of summer 2007, MMRV may not be available due to manufacturing issues. This will require providers to return to separate administration of MMR and varicella. **Both vaccines should be administered on the same day or a minimum interval of 28 days is needed between doses.** Do not mix both vaccines in the same syringe and administer them in separate sites (at least one inch apart). We expect the return of MMRV in 2008.

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Congratulations!

Practices with Excellence in Vaccination Coverage As of May 2007

80 percent or more of the 2 year old children up to date for 4:3:1:3:3:1 by 24 months of age

Essex Pediatrics
Hagan and Rinehart Pediatrics
Mad River Valley Health Center
Mousetrap Pediatrics- Milton
Timberlane Pediatrics-South Burlington



New Resources

VFC Provider Manual Created Specifically for Provider Practices

- Contains needed clinical information regarding vaccine administration
- Includes useful information for providers and families
- Has information regarding vaccine storage and handling
- Will be delivered during your 2007 VFC site visit

VDH Lifetime Immunization Record Is Now Available

- Sized to fold and fit in a wallet
- Is durable, water proof, won't tear or rip
- Allows for the recording of all vaccines given during a lifetime
- Ask for them up when you pick up your vaccines

Vaccine	Type of Vaccine	Date Given (mo/yr)	Health Professional or Clinic	Date Next Due
Hepatitis B (Prep, Hib, HepB, HepB-IPV)				
Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis (DTaP, DT, Td, Tdap, DTaP-IPV, DTaP-IPV, DTaP-IPV)				

Lifetime Immunization Record
Always carry this record with you and present it each visit to a health care provider, hospital, VFC, clinic and at school or child care organization.

Medical History (e.g., allergies, vaccine reactions)

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____
Date of Birth: _____ Sex: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

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Last Name	First Name	MI	Birthdate	Vaccine	Type of Vaccine	Date Given (mo/yr)	Health Professional or Clinic	Date Next Due
				Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR)				
				Varicella (Var)				
				Hepatitis A (Hep A)				
				Hepatitis B (Hep B)				
				Polio (IPV, OPV)				
				Human papillomavirus (HPV)				
				Zoster (shingles)				
				Influenza*				
				Other				
				Other				
				Other				

*Get vaccinated for influenza each year to protect yourself and others around you.

Vaccine Champions

When a significant storm hit Vermont on 4/16/07 many areas of the state experienced power outages. While practices scrambled to provide services to their patients, we want to give credit to the following for initiating their emergency plans and moving vaccine to preserve vaccine viability and to save thousands of dollars: [Brandon Health Center](#), [Concord Health Center](#), [Dr. Joseph Nasca](#), [Dr. Messina](#), [Georgia Health Center](#), [Neshobe Family Medicine](#), [Shaftsbury Medical Associates](#), [The St. Albans](#), [Middlebury](#) and [Rutland Offices of Local Health](#). We know many other practices were affected and also implemented steps to preserve their vaccine and are mentioning only those we are aware went to extraordinary lengths to save vaccine.

Thank you!